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AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S CINCINNATI SPEECH ON ME

REF: A) STATE 222166 B) MOGADISCIO 1369 (NOTAL)

1. IN ABSENCE FONMIN ARTEH (ENROUTE NEW YORK), AND FAILURE
DIRECTOR GENERAL MFA TO GIVE ME APPOINTMENT AS INSTRUCTED REF A,
DECIDED BRING SUBJECT ATTENTION PRESIDENT SIAD DURING MEETING
SEPT. 24.

2. AFTER LISTENING INTENTLY TO NY PRESENTATION, SIAD PROMISED
READ TEXT "WORD BY WORD". HE THEN REVIEWED HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH
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SYRIAN BAATH PARTY TWO MAN DELEGATION WHICH SPENT DAY SEPT. 24

IN MOGADISCIO. (DEL. HEADED BY AL-SAYID MUDIH SHANAAN.) THE SYRIANS BELIEVED STRONGLY THAT THE EGYPTIANS HAD "SOLD OUT" THE ARAB CAUSE BY VIOLATING A FUNDAMENTAL ARAB AGREEMENT WHICH OPPOSES ANY UNILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL BY AN ARAB STATE. MOREOVER THE SYRIAN DELEGATION WAS CONVINCED THAT PRIOR TO THE RECENT ME NEGOTIATIONS THE ATMOSPHERE AMONG THE ARAB STATES WAS CONDUCIVE TO A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION. IN THE SYRIAN VIEW, THE EGYPTIANS HAD EXACERBATED A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION BY AGREEING TO THE "UNITED STATES" STEP BY STEP APPROACH. BY ITS DECISION, EGYPT HAD FAILED TO UNDERSTAND BASIC GOAL OF US STRATEGY: TO KEEP THE ARAB WORLD MINUS EGYPT (WHICH WILL NOW RECEIVE LARGE AMOUNT OF AID) DIVIDED AND THUS IMPOTENT WHILE CONSOLIDATING THE POSITION OF ISRAEL. ADDITIONALLY, ACCORDING TO THE SYRIANS, SIAD SAID THEY BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT WITH AN ELECTION YEAR COMING UP IN THE US, POWERFUL ISRAEL SUPPORT IN THE US WAS A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN THE US DECISION TO GO THE STEP BY STEP ROUTE.

3. I ASKED SIAD IF HE SHARED FOREGOING PARTICULARLY AFTER LISTENING TO MY PRESENTATION. HE EVADSD DIRECT ANSWER POINTING OUT HIS OWN POSITION IN ARAB LEAGUE OPEN VARIOUS INTERPRETATIONS. IN GENERAL TERMS AND RHETORIC ASIDE HE CONVINCED THAT ARAB STATES HAVE NO GOAL OF PUSHING ISRAEL INTO SEA. RATHER, BASIC GOAL IS TO GUARANTEE EXISTENCE STATE ISRAEL SIMULTANEOUS WITH RECOGNITION OF PALESTINE STATE AND WITHDRAWAL BY ISRAEL FROM ALL CONQUERED AREAS. MORE THAN THIS, HE NOT PREPARED DISCUSS AGAIN BUT PROMISED STUDY TEXT. I SAID SINCE HIS DOOR NOW OPEN DAY AND NIGHT I WAS PREPARED CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS AT MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME. PRESIDENT REEMPHASIZW THAT CONTENTS (PARA 2 ABOVE) WERE SYRIAN VIEWS.

4. COMMENT: DURING COURSE CONVERSATION ANOTHER SUBJECT PRESIDENT POINTEDLY REMINDED ME OF HIS COMPLETELY SECURE CHANNEL TO ADDOU "WHEN I HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT SAY TO AMBASSADOR I DON85 USE MY FOREIGN OFFICE." SUGGEST DEPARTMENT MAY WISH BRING SUBJECT (REF A) ATTENTION ADDOU.
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